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1. IN ANNEX TO REF, COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE AND MILITARY COMMITTEE ARE INFORMED OF THE RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION IN VIEW OF FAILURE OF DSCS II SATELLITE. RECOMMENDATIONS OF STUDY ARE THAT MC AND COEC AGREE:

A. AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY, TO THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL ACCEPTABILITY OF THE COURSE OF ACTION IN PARAS 14 AND 18 (QUOTED BELOW).

B. TO RELEASE OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BY THE SYG:

TO: SHAPE

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CINCHAN

REF: (A) SHAPE DIG CES/RTT/NATO SATCOM II 120938Z JUNE

(B) NAC/2829 DATED 130950Z JUN

(C) SHAPE DIG CES/RTT NATO SATCOM II 151200Z JUNE

ONE IN REFERENCE (B) YOU REFERENCE (A) WAS PROVISIONALLY AGREED SUBJECT TO THE STUDY OF AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTING PLAN.

TWO YOUR REFERENCE (C) HAS BEEN STUDIED AND THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE ROUTING PLAN IS AGREED.

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THREE IN VIEW OF:

(A) THE CONTINUING URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR THE USE OF SECURE VOICE IN NATO;

(B) THE ESTIMATED REMAING LIFETIME OF NATO-2;

- (C) THE POSSIBLE FURTHER DETERIORATION OF NATO-2 WHILST INACTIVE;
- (D) THE COSTS INVOLVED;
- (E) THE EXPECTATION TO REACH A CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE U.S. ON THE USAGE OF DSCS SATELLITE IN EARLY 1974;

IT IS ADVISABLE TO RE-ACTIVATE THE NATO-2 SATELLITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FOUR IF YOU CONCUR, YOU ARE INVITED, AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY TO INITIATE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 8 OF REFERENCE (C), THE NECESSARY ACTION TO COORDINATE A RESERVED CIRCUIT PLAN FOR NATO AND MNC'S BASED ON PARAGRAPH 3(B) OF REFERENCE (C),

2. TEXT OF PARA 14 FOLLOWS:

"RE-ACTIVATE NATO-2 AND RENT RESERVE CIRCUITS TO BACK UP SV SPACE COMMUNICATIONS LISTED BELOW:

"A. POLITICAL CIRCUITS:

- (1) NATO HQS. TO ICELAND
- (2) NATO HQS. TO NORWAY
- (3) NATO HQS. TO TURKEY
- (4) NATO HQS. TO U.S.
- (5) NATO HQS. TO U.K.
- (6) NATO HQS. TO PORTUGAL
- (7) NATO HQS. TO NETHERLANDS
- (8) NATO HQS. TO ITALY
- (9) NATO HQS. TO GREECE
- (10) NATO HQS. TO DENMARK
- (11) NATO HQS. TO CANADA
- (12) NATO HQS. TO SACLANT
- (13) NATO HQS. TO CINCHAN

"B. MILITARY CIRCUITS:

- (14) SACEUR TO AFNORTH
- (15) SACEUR TO AFSOUTH
- (16) SACEUR TO SACLANT
- (17) SACLANT TO CINCHAN

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- (18) SACLANT TO U.K.
- (19) SACLANT TO CANADA
- (20) SACEUR TO CINCHAN
- (21) SACLANT TO NORWAY

"C. ADDITIONAL CIRCUITS:

- (1) NATO TO SACLANT
- (2) NATO TO IBERLANT
- (3) NATO TO CINCHAN
- (4) NATO TO GOV. GREECE
- (5) NATO TO GOV. NETHERLANDS
- (6) SHAPE TO CINCHAN
- (7) CINCHAN TO MOD U.K.
- (8) CINCHAN TO GOV. U.K.
- (9) SACLANT TO DOD (GOV. U.S.)

- (10) SACLANT TO GOV. CANADA
- (11) GOV. CANADA TO DND CANADA
- (12) GOV. NORWAY TO MOD NORWAY"

3. TEXT OF PARA 18 FOLLOWS:

"18. THE MOST ATTRACTIVE COURSE IS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 14, IN WHICH THE SECURE VOICE CAPACITY OF NATO IS IMMEDIATELY RESTORED. DURING THIS PERIOD THE NECESSARY BUDGETARY MEASURES TO RENT (IN RESERVE STATUS) THE CIRCUITS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A RE-ROUTING SHOULD BE INITIATED. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESERVE CIRCUIT PLAN HAS THE ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE THAT, ON SATELLITE FAILURE, ONLY THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF RESERVE CIRCUITS HAVE TO BE ACTIVATED, WHILST THE REMAINDER CAN BE CALLED UP IF THE SITUATION SO DEMANDS (E.G. EXERCISES AND EMERGENCIES). IF THE SATELLITE FUNCTIONS UNTIL THE TIME THAT THE DSCS SATELLITE CAN BE USED UNDER CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS, ONLY MINIMAL COSTS WOULD BE INVOLVED. IF NOT, AN ALTERNATE RE-ROUTING WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT SHORT NOTICE. THE GREATEST DISADVANTAGE WOULD BE IF THE REMAINING LIFETIME OF THE SATELLITE WOULD PROVE TO BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN ANTICIPATED (SAY ONE WEEK). IN THAT CASE, HOWEVER, THE SATELLITE WOULD HAVE PROVIDED NO CONTRIBUTION UNDER ANY COURSE OF ACTION AND IN PARTICULAR DURING CRISES AND EXERCISES. IF THE REMAINING LIFETIME EXCEEDS THE FOUR MONTHS ANTICIPATED IN PARAGRAPH 4, THE PROBABILITY OF NOT REQUIRING PTT CIRCUITRY WOULD INCREASE CONSIDERABLY. NOW THE DSCS II HAS ENDED ITS USEFUL LIFE IT WOULD ALSO BE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS REACHED WITH THE U.S. TO OFFER, CONFIDENTIAL

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IN RETURN AND AS LONG AS NATO-2 LASTS, CAPACITY TO THE U.S. AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE M.O.U. (AC/270-D/103)."

4. COEC APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 1 WILL BE ASSUMED IF NO REPLY BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS 4 JULY. UNLESS NOTIFIED TO THE CONTRARY, WE DO NOT INTEND TO COMMENT. PRENDERGAST

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